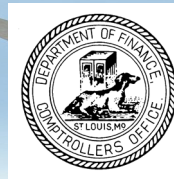


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Comptroller Green pictured with Jackie Joyner-Kersey at the St. Louis Unbanked Task Force news conference.

Did You Know?

In the U.S., an estimated 22 million people lack basic checking and/or savings accounts?

This is also referred to as being **unbanked**.

Those who have accounts but rarely use them are **under-banked**.

In St. Louis:

- 7.5% Are unbanked
- 22.4% Are under-banked

I'm inspired and pleased with the progress that women have made in politics. A record number of women will serve in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives this year. Locally, the City of St. Louis elected its first female Treasurer, Tishaura Jones. This marks an increase in the number of women holding elected office in the City of St. Louis. The Offices of the Comptroller, Treasurer, Recorder of Deeds, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Circuit Attorney are all held by women. This year, nine women will serve on the St. Louis Board of Aldermen.

When I first entered in to political office, the landscape looked a lot different. There weren't as many women in politics as there are now. I feel motivated and proud just looking around at the progress we've made. This is what inspires me now.

I also feel a sense of responsibility in helping to motivate other women, especially the leaders of tomorrow. I would like to encourage all women to lift each other up.

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Whether it's spending time mentoring a young person, volunteering at church or a women's shelter, bringing a hot meal to someone, giving her a ride to a job interview, or even something as simple as calling a friend who's having a hard time to cheer her up. Don't just sit on the sidelines.

After all, when you offer inspiration to someone, it comes back at you tenfold.

The Free Tax Preparation event a Huge Success!

Volunteers with NABA, the National Association of Black Accountants were able to assist St. Louis families with free tax preparation and filing services.

Through NABA's efforts, dozens of individuals and families with low and moderate incomes came out and had their taxes prepared.

The event was held at the William J. Harrison Center on Cass Avenue.

For those who missed it, you can still get your taxes prepared on Saturday, April 6th at the Myrtle Hilliard Davis Comprehensive Health Center on MLK Drive.



Comptroller Green along with PNC Bank's Monica Campbell. PNC Bank offered one-on-one banking consultations at the Free Tax Service.

The Comptroller's Office is Back on Social Media

We are pleased to announced that the Comptroller's Office has established a Facebook page and created a brand new Twitter page!

It is so important to connect with people in the community, and what better way to get a message to the public and the press than through social media.

If you're on Facebook, feel free to "like" us at **St. Louis Comptroller**.

You can also "follow" us on Twitter. The handle is **@stlcomptroller**.

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Celebrating Dr. Seuss's Birthday



3rd Graders at Dunbar Elementary

Third graders at Dunbar Elementary School took an adventure along with the Comptroller when they listened to *Oh, the Places You'll Go!*

Ms. Green served as a reading ambassador for the annual Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration.

A question and answer session with the kids followed the book reading. The event helps promote literacy and the kids' imaginations. Love the hat!



March

30 Doris Hamilton
30 Lisa Harmon
23 Antionette Thomas
22 Catherine Smith
15 Scott King

February

19 Dorothy Middleton
15 Tammy Garrett
15 Barnadette Davis
14 Amy Williams
14 Sandra Mantia
13 Keith Taylor
12 Keith Vernell
5 Shalonda Covington
1 Mohammad Adil

January

22 Cyril Oparaji
20 Christopher Reed
13 Monique Williams
2 Cynthia Larson
1 Candice Gordon

Congratulations!



Michele Graham, Contract Compliance officer wins an iPad mini on Fox 2 News in the Morning. Here she is pictured with personalities April Simpson and Tim Ezell. Congratulations!

We would like to congratulate Yudora Watson, Secretary to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. Yudora celebrates 10 years of continuous service to the City!

